



64 Years of DX-cellence

November 2012



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The Southern California DX Club Newsletter est. 1947

*"If you need him get
in there and work
him"*

The Southern California DX Club is a group of dedicated men and women active in the amateur radio community who enjoy communicating over the air with other radio amateurs around the world.

The SCDXC strongly supports the DX Code of Conduct. Please visit their website:

www.dx-code.org

The newsletter is published every month and is released to its members about the first of each month. Amateur and DX related letters, news and pictures are welcome and will be published as time and space permit.

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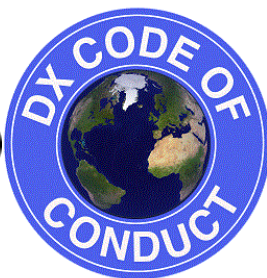
Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM except April, June and December.

Please check the club web site for events and details at:

<http://www.scdxc.org>

If you are in the area please say hello on our repeater:

W6AM/R145.48,(-) 100Hz PL



NCDXF Platinum Contributor

Next Meeting

Thursday November 8th 7:30 PM!

David Greenhut, N6HD

Swains Island NH8S

- **Edgar Brown, N6OU**
- **Constitution Revision!**
 - **November Vote**
- **2013 Slate of Officers**
 - **Holiday Party**
- **Membership Renewal**
- **CQWW CW Contest!**

Making friends all over the world using the magic of Amateur Radio.
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Required Vote: SCDXC Constitution Revision

Second Notice

This email was sent out to all members last week notifying full members of an upcoming vote on a revision to the Constitution.

To voting members of the Southern California DX Club:

At the October Board meeting a motion was passed to revise the club constitution. A committee consisting of Mel Hughes, K6SY, and Carl Gardenias, WU6D, was assigned to perform the updates. The complete revision, as accepted and approved by the Board, will be presented to the voting members for acceptance at our next regular meeting on November 8, 2012. Please try to attend and cast your vote.

The term for club officers as prescribed in the current constitution is from February 1st to January 31st with elections in January. The new board assumes their offices on Feb 1st. The proposed revision is to change the term from January 1st to December 31st with elections held in November. The new board assumes their offices on January 1st. This aligns the board term with the calendar year and the tax year. The motivation for the revision is primarily to alleviate bookkeeping issues. Only one board will have spending authority in a calendar year. For example, under the current rules the outgoing vice president buys the prizes for the January 2013 meeting. The incoming vice president buys the prizes from February 2013 to January 2014. With the proposed revision all spending in a calendar year is confined to one board.

If the vote to accept the revised constitution carries at the November regular meeting elections will be held at that same meeting. The board recommended slate will be posted in the November newsletter. There will also be nominations from the floor of the November meeting. If you are a full member and intend to run for office please attend the November meeting.

2013 Recommended Slate

The 2012 board has made the following recommendations for club officers in 2013

President: Ernie Nairne N6HY

Vice President: Open

Secretary: Kris Jacob KC6TOD

Treasurer: Cathy Gardenias K6VC

Membership Chairman: Mel Hughes K6SY

Directors: (Two positions available)

Candidates:

Larry Mallek K6YUI

John Schroeder N6QQ

George Jacob N6VNI

Director (Past President): Bill Kendrick N6RV

Edgar Ward Brown

N6OU

SEPTEMBER 13, 1942 — OCTOBER 15, 2012



EDGAR BROWN N6OU

September 1942 - October 2012

It is with great sorrow we announce the passing of Edgar Brown on October 15th from complications after surgery.

Everyone who knew him can attest that he was a kind person, genuine, and always a pleasure to see. He loved our hobby and DXing. He was the 1988 SCDXC president, worked on several convention committees, and was the ARRL Los Angeles Section Technical Coordinator for many years. He also was a member of the QCWA and regularly attended the Chapter 7 meetings with his wife Irene. He was a member of the San Fernando Valley ARC, Life member ARRL, NRA, and California Rifle and Pistol Association.

Edgar retired from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power as the Supervisor of the Communications Department and assisted with setting up the club repeater on their site.

In recent years Edgar's travel has been limited. He was unable to attend many of the regular meetings however he was always present at the picnics, conventions, and holiday parties.

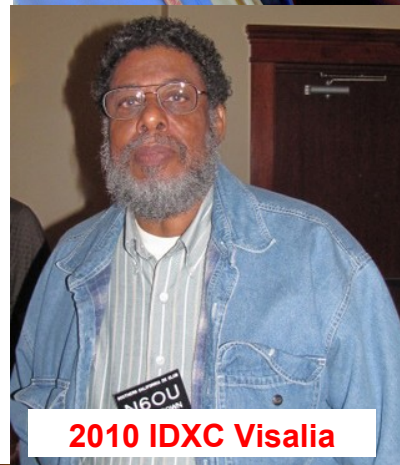
His call sign was ever present in the pile ups. With 338 / 330 (Deleted / Current) he was on the DXCC Honor Roll. His station consisting yagi antennas on a roof tower and a Hygain Hy-Tower for the low bands produced a potent signal on all HF bands.

Edgar was a gentleman and fellow DXer. His loss will be felt by many. The bands will not be the same without hearing the call N6OU in the fray.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Irene and their children.

Rest well Edgar. We will see you in a little while.

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[Southern California DX Club, Inc.](#)

[Membership Renewal \[\]](#)

[New Member Application \[\]](#)

Date _____

Name _____ Birthday (MM) _____ Call Sign _____

Spouses Name _____ Birthday (MM) _____ Call Sign _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Home: (_____) _____ - _____ [] Do not list in club directory

Work: (_____) _____ - _____ [] Do not list in club directory

E-mail: _____ [] Do not list in club directory or web site

Have you confirmed 40 CQ Zones? Not yet: [] Yes [] I have a WAZ certificate: []

Spouse? Not yet: [] Yes [] Has a WAZ certificate: []

Have you confirmed 100 Countries? Not yet: [] Yes [] I have a DXCC certificate: []

Spouse? Not yet: [] Yes [] Has a DXCC certificate: []

Are you an ARRL Member? No: [] Yes: [] Life: []

--- **Renewal** Membership, Full or Associate - \$18.00 USD Per Calendar Year (Jan - Dec)

(Additional Family Members \$4.50 USD ea)

Overseas / Supporting Membership - \$18.00 USD Per Calendar Year (Jan-Dec)

New Membership, All Types - \$1.50 Times the Number of Months Remaining in Year

(Example: Join in September, pay 4 x \$1.50 - Family Members @ additional 25%)

BADGES

Small: (1.5"H X 2"W) [] Medium: (2"H X 3"W) [] Large: (3"H X 3.75"W) []

\$10.00 USD ea including postage (to US addresses)

For badge shipping costs to overseas locations contact Mel Hughes, K6SY at k6sy@scdxc.org.

Make checks payable to Southern California DX Club or SCDXC

Mail Membership Fees and/or Badge Fees to:

Mel Hughes, K6SY, 28017 San Nicolas Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

For club use only

Dues recvd by _____ Amt \$ _____ Date _____ Full Member []

QSLs verified by _____ Date _____ Associate Member []

DXCC _____ WAZ _____ Former Member _____ At-Large Member []

Notes: _____ Supporting Member []

Aug 10, 2010

Attendees will receive a special 65th Anniversary Gift!



SCDXC
HOLIDAY PARTY
December 16, 2012



Date: December 16, 2012

Time: 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: The Reef Restaurant

880 Harbor Scenic Dr

Long Beach, CA 90802

562-435-8013

www.reefrestaurant.com



Sunday Buffet Brunch \$30.00 ea.



Variety of delicious foods to choose from

We suggest that you make arrangements for carpooling for those that do not want to drive long distances or can't drive. Don't miss the fun! *Driving instructions, please visit website at:* www.scdxc.org

Cut registration form here



Registration Form
The Reef Restaurant
December 16, 2012

Deadline for returning Registration Form: December 03, 2012

Name: _____ Callsign _____

Number of guest including yourself _____

Sunday Buffet Brunch \$30.00 x _____ = \$ _____ enclosed

Checks payable to: SCDXC and Send To:

Cathy Gardenias K6VC - 20902 Gardenias Street - Perris, CA 92570

k6vc@scdxc.org



THE PREZ SEZ

Bill Kendrick, N6RV,
President – Southern California DX Club
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Hello Everybody!

This has been a busy few weeks. First we had a board meeting at which it was decided to change the term for the board. Then after the meeting it was decided via email to vote for the change at the next general meeting and if the vote carried run the election then and there. After a million more emails the job was done. Can you imagine writing a newsletter in the middle of this not to mention getting the word out about renewal?

That afternoon I received a call from Kris, KC6TOD. "You know I was talking to Irene Brown, KF6RNX, a few minutes ago." I was thinking about how last month Edgar went in for gallbladder surgery and my thought was "Oh he is home now and doing well." Kris continued, "He passed away yesterday." What I cried! The world stopped. A friend and contemporary was gone. No more chats at Visalia. Never again will I look up and see his smiling face at the QCWA dinners and holiday parties or hear his wisdom and practical advice. A major loss like this cuts through the useless and mundane things that often fill our lives. We are faced with the stark reality that our time is very short and many of us are looking at the end game. That in mind we should pay attention to what is important, that is, each other.

It is now over a week later and the evening after his funeral. Larry, Beckie and I drove up not knowing if anyone else would be able to make it. It was heart warming to see the collage that Edgar's family put together. It was family and ham radio. A large portion of the attendees were hams. In fact for many Edgar was their mentor. When you know someone in a certain context often you miss the rest. In his case Edgar's love of our hobby permeated into his whole life and his character and strength into our hobby. His sons were a testament to this fine gentleman. They stood tall and remembered their father and what he infused into their lives. It was not unlike what was said at my father's funeral. I am sure it was passed down to him just as my father did and his father before him. His friends were the best a man could have and conveyed what everyone in attendance already knew. Edgar was a great father, loving husband, the best friend, and a compassionate man who would go the extra mile for anyone that crossed his path. His kind nature and rock solid confidence in combination with his sharp wit and wisdom made him someone others would seek out for counsel. While listening I was envious and thought man I sure wish I was more like him.

Edgar is one of those guys you will not get over missing. His absence will be felt for the rest of my life as well as his kind assistance and encouragement. Thanks for being an example for us all!

See you at the meeting!

73, Bill N6RV
President, SCDXC
www.scdxc.org



Treasurer's Report

Club financial information is available on request. Contact the treasurer.

Officer Guidelines

The revised version of the Officers Guidelines is available on our website. See the hyperlink below.

Code of Conduct

SCDXC endorses the **DX Code of Conduct**
See the hyperlink below.

Officer Guidelines

http://www.scdxc.org/download/Officer_Guidelines.pdf

DX Code of Conduct

<http://www.dx-code.org/>



VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**Ernie Nairne, N6HY,
Vice President – SCDXC
n6hy@scdxc.org**

Hello Everybody!

Sad news of Edgar's passing on October 15. He was quite a friend. He will be missed.

This month's program will be David, N6HD. He will give a talk on the September DXpedition to Swains Island. It will be good to hear him talk while all the events are still fresh in his mind.

What was fun last meeting was Kris Jacob. She came up to buy tickets and said she was going to win the camera. She needed one. Well you know who won the camera? ... Kris. John, N6QQ, walked off with the 20 inch monitor.

I hope everyone knows 10 m is open in the morning. We have worked a few new ones on that band. There is just not enough time when you have to go to work.

A BIG change in the club constitution will be up for a vote. If passed the officers will hold office from January 1st to December 31 this will be in keeping with the business finance year for taxes. This means the new slate of officers will take office on January 1. Be sure to come to the next meeting. If the vote carries it's time for elections. Your name might come up for one of the posts. If you are not there you might be voted in. Who knows? Stranger things have happened. See you there!

73, and Good DXing!
Ernie Nairne, N6HY
Vice President SCDXC

Here are some pictures from the camera I won a few meetings ago. This is chalk art in Santa Monica



DXer of The Year

**Congratulations
Bob W6ZPL!**

Clipperton Award

**Congratulations
Kris KC6TOD!**

New Members

Please welcome new members:

**Clay Davis
AB9A**

**Carolyn Jacob
KE6BUH**

**Wild Bill Wiederhold
WB6BFG**

**Paul Carreiro
N6EV**

**Jerry Carter
W6JAC**

**Jim Bridge
K7LA**

**Tom Ryan
N6NPG**

**Richard Somers
W6NSV**

**Jim Pope
KG0PP**

**Greg Martens
N6RRY**

**Ellen Utschig
N6UWW**

***Make sure you
meet and greet
them at the next
meeting!***

New DXer Resources

New DXers Handbook



CONTESTS

John Schroeder, N6QQ,
Director – Southern California DX Club
n6qq@scdxc.org

Hello DX Contesters!

November is the busiest month of the year.

Two state side contests:

ARRL Sweepstakes CW -- Nov 3-5

ARRL Sweepstakes SSB -- Nov 17-19

Clean Sweep this year includes 4 new sections to work. Ontario has been replaced by 4 sections (Ontario North (ONN), Ontario East (ONE), Ontario South (ONS), Toronto Area (GTA)).

I hope there will be activity from all four sections. Now, we have to work all the VE3's we can.

Need to work some more JA's ?? JIDX Phone Contest -- Nov 10-11

RTTY fans - WAE DX Contest RTTY -- Nov 10-11

ARRL 160 meter CW Nov 30 - Dec 2 -- 42 hour contest --

The last major contest of year:

CQ WW World Wide Contest CW - Nov 24-25

(Remember - must submit logs within 5 days after the contest)

Web sites to check out this month

Take a look at what you could work in the CQ WW CW Contest:

<http://ng3k.com/Misc/cqc2012.html>

Check out Announced DX Operations:

<http://ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

The NG3K site has a great deal to offer. Check out the rest of site:

<http://ng3k.com/index.html>

73 John -- N6QQ

ARRL and CQ awards QSL checker

Past President of Southern California DX Club - 2011

www.scdxc.org

<http://www.qrz.com/db/N6QQ>



October Prize Drawing Winners

W6HT	Husky Pliers
K6VC	Baofeng HT
KC6TOD	Panasonic Camera
K6JW	6 pc. File Set
N6HY	Mondavi Cabernet
K6JW	Liquid Tape
KC6TOD	Chardonnay
KC6TOD	3 LED Flashlights
N6QQ	Acer 20" Monitor
N6QQ	HDX 101 Tool Set
K6VC	Milwaukee Drills
N6IC	Cable Ties
K6SY	Dewalt Ext. Cord

The SCDXC – Alive and Well?

Mel Hughes K6SY Membership Chairman

Every year about this time, as the SCDXC Membership Chairman, I begin reminding you that it is time to pay your dues and renew your membership for the following year. This time, instead of just hounding you to renew, I thought it would be interesting to see where all our members come from. After all, we call our organization the Southern California DX Club. Do we really have members from all eleven Southern California Counties? Or are we the Southern California DX Club in name only?

The region of California we call Southern California is usually defined as San Luis Obispo, Kern, Inyo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Imperial Counties, or that part of California, except for Inyo County, south of roughly Latitude 35° 50' N. We lay claim to Inyo County as it is part of the ARRL Orange Section and has little access to the Northern part of the State.



There are lots of ways to divide up the 11 counties. By Congressional Districts, State Senate and Assembly Districts, Voting Precincts, Mosquito Abatement Districts, Flood Control Districts, Fire Districts, Library Districts, Cities and unincorporated areas, Zip Codes and I'm sure many more. We don't keep track of most but we do keep track of Zip Codes and telephone numbers of members. For the purposes of this broad overview Zip Codes were not very useful. However, the Telephone Companies have conveniently divided the State geographically into Area Codes (the three digits in our telephone numbers following our Country Code – actually, we share the Country Code with Canada). And since we have the home telephone numbers for all but three of our members the data can be quickly sorted in Excel to yield the following results:

Area Code	Members	Location	Area Code	Members	Location
209	3	No. CA	661	4	So. CA
310	32	So. CA	702	2	NV
323	3	So. CA	714	29	So. CA
408	1	No. CA	760	13	So. CA
410	1	MD	805	5	So. CA
480	1	AZ	818	28	So. CA
508	2	MA	903	1	TX
530	3	No. CA	909	6	So. CA
562	12	So. CA	949	5	So. CA
626	6	So. CA	951	9	So. CA

The only Southern California Area Codes where we don't currently have any members are 619 and 858 in San Diego County. So for the most part we are truly a Southern California DX Club. By the way we also have members in Sweden and New Zealand.

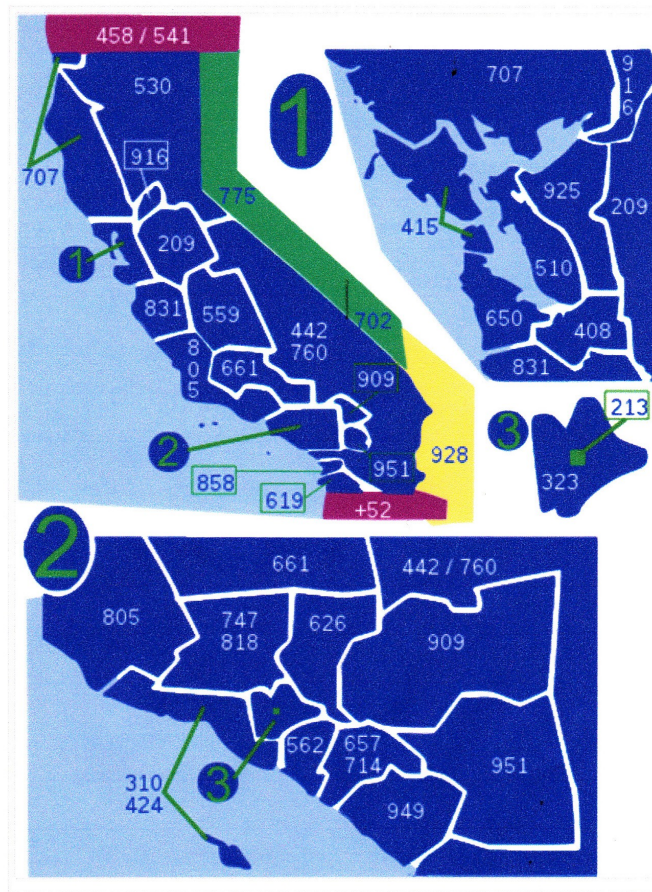


Figure 1. California Area Code Map

At the moment we have 172 members listed on our roster in eight categories.

- 101 Regular Members (Full Voting Privileges)
- 23 Regular Family Members (Full Voting Privileges)
- 19 Associate Members
- 11 Family Associate Members
- 3 At Large Members
- 2 At large Family Members
- 11 Supporting Members
- 2 Supporting family Members
- 0 Active Duty Military
- 0 Students under the age of 18

Of these 172 members, 8 are new members for 2012. Let's try to keep them! In 2011 we had 20 members that did not renew. Four of the members that did not renew for 2012 were new members in 2011.

We also have 20 Honorary Members that generally do not live in Southern California and do not pay dues. However, if an Honorary Member lives in Southern California and pays dues as a Regular Member they are eligible to vote.

There are still 5 living Founding Members of the SCDXC, but none are active in the Club.

If any of you are interested in forming car pools to get to the Club Meetings I would be happy to sort the Membership Roster and provide you with names of members living near you.

For those of you living near the light rail lines here in LA County the Green Line comes very close to our current meeting location in the City of Hawthorne. We can provide transportation to meet the trains and take you to the station after the meetings. For those 65 or older the total fare is \$1.80 for an all day Senior Pass with unlimited transfers.

While the SCDXC membership is constant, it is not growing, even as the ranks of the hobby are still growing. Many of our membership came into the hobby, as I did, in the 50's and 60's, in the good 'o days before cell phones, PC's, and hand held VHF and UHF radios. For the most part my interest focused on DX. After all, almost no one was on 2 meters, and with a home brew 6L6 transmitter, a \$6.95 surplus Command receiver from Sam's Surplus and a wire dipole everything was DX! But those entering the hobby today are not the teenagers we were. They are older adults interested in Cert, Neighborhood Watch and in our community, PVAN (Peninsula Volunteer Amateur Network) and the local School Districts Emergency Communication's program. So where do we need to look for new SCDXC members. I think we need look no farther than our local Ham radio clubs, Cert training programs and community Neighborhood Watch programs, and School District Teacher Emergency Communications programs.

In my local club, the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club, we have been working with the Cities of the area along with the Neighborhood Watch programs and the School District, offering Ham Radio training and classes. That effort has earned favor with the local governments and brought lots of new members into the PVARC. And for the last several years we have organized an annual outing to Isthmus at Catalina Island to put IOTA NA-066 on the air. We try to take as many new PVARC members as possible and introduce them to the thrill of real DX. Of late, several members of the PVARC have joined the ranks of the SCDXC and are now chasing DXCC. At the PVARC club meetings we try to talk up DX, and have some programs that focus on the fun and fundamentals of DXing.

Most members of the SCDXC belong to other clubs. I challenge each of you to try and bring members of your local club to the SCDXC. If you don't belong to a local club try your Cert group or Neighborhood Watch in your area.

I believe this is our best shot at keeping DXing alive and well. But since your SCDXC Board believes in the "Belt and Suspenders Approach" at the last Board Meeting it was decided to try to expand the SCDXC Membership by contacting all holders of DXCC in the area and inviting them to come to our SCDXC meetings. George, N6VNI, has contacted the ARRL and they are providing us the required information so we can contact them. Our current meeting room has lots of space for more chairs. Let's fill the place up.

Remember, your membership dues are due by December 31, 2012 for the year 2013. The renewal form can be downloaded from the SCDXC web site (www.scdxc.org). Just download the form, make out your check, and mail it to the address on the form, or see me at the regular November meeting. I'll have the forms and be happy to take either cash or check. I can also take orders for club badges, either by mail using the membership form or at the meetings.

See you in the pile ups and at the November SCDXC meeting.

73,
Mel – K6SY
SCDXC Membership Chairman

DX ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Celebrate the Successes of Our Fellow Members!

It is amazing! No one reported new DXCC or WAZ standings this month. This is a first since I took over the newsletter. Are we getting on the air and sending out QSLs? Let us know what you worked and we can celebrate along with you!

SCDXC WAZ and DXCC Standings (N6RV)

The first WAZ column is the confirmed zone count on 10 bands 160 - 6 (less 60 meters). The second column is the regular 5BWAZ confirmed count. The following are the codes that follow the two columns and indicate the awards:

M **Mixed**
P **Phone**
C **CW**
R **RTTY**
5 **5 Band**

The first DXCC column is the confirmed entity count with deleted countries. The second column is the confirmed current entity count.

If you have any information to post please go to the on-line webform and update your standing:

<http://www.scdxc.org/dx-update.html>

**CONTEST & DX
SEASON IS
HERE!**

WAZ STANDINGS

	10B / 5B	Awards
K6ND	378 / 200	M/5
W6SR	369 / 200	M/P/C/I/5
WA5VGI	357 / 200	M/P/C/5
W8DX	357 / 200	M/5
EU7SA	357 / 200	M/5
N6AW	355 / 200	M/P/C/5
K6YRA	337 / 200	P/5
K6YUI	337 / 200	M/P/C/R/5
WD6L	248 / 200	M/P/5
N6OU	220 / 200	M/5
K6UNR	/ 200	M/P/5
W6VX	352 / 199	
NS6C	198 / 198	
K6FG	359 / 197	M/P/C/R/5
K6G XO	358 / 198	M
N6MXU	155 / 193	
K2PLF	191 / 191	
N6RV	300 / 187	M/P/C
KC6X	294 / 187	M/P/C/5
SM5GMZ	300 / 187	M/P/C
K6LD	314 / 186	M/P/C
W6YOO	308 / 185	M/P/C/5
N6QQ	324 / 185	M/P/C/R
KH6DX/m	210 / 184	
K6SY	246 / 173	P
W6ZPL	237 / 173	M/P
K0OK	284 / 172	
KJ6Y	261 / 172	
KR6C	295 / 171	M/C
AD6KQ	226 / 164	
N6DHZ	214 / 160	P
K6KII	191 / 177	M
KH6MB	181 / 174	
W6DR	227 / 159	
NK6A	152 / 152	M/5
W6NRQ	180 / 147	M/P
WA6BOB	152 / 136	M
W6IRD	151 / 111	M/P
W5DQ	161 / 122	
K6IRD	154 / 126	M/P
WB6PSY	139 / 140	P
KT6LA	132 / 103	
N6HE	130 / 138	
W3SE	102 / 112	
K6IRA	118 / 102	
K6VC	96 / 96	P
W6EA	92 / 86	
N6UC	78 / 78	M
KA6TTV	82 / 67	
N6VNI	86 / 64	
N6GIL	49 / 43	
W6DCK	40 / 40	P
K6JW	40 / 40	M/P
K6YR	39 / 39	
W6DOE	37 / 37	
NZ6L	36 / 36	
W4EF	29 /	
N6AWD		M
N6HC		M/P/C
KB6KTV		P
W6OES		M
K8RD		C

DXCC STANDINGS

	TOT / CUR
K6KII	387 / 340
JA1BK	377 / 338
K6YRA	376 / 340
K6EXO	370 / 338
K6YUI	365 / 340
N6UC	367 / 340
K6DJ	363 / 340
K6IPV	362 / 340
NS6C	360 / 340
W6HT	358 / 338
W6SR	358 / 340
WA6WZO	357 / 340
K8RD	356 / 340
K5KT	355 / 340
N6AW	355 / 337
K6FG	355 / 340
K6G XO	355 / 340
K2PLF	354 / 340
N6RV	354 / 339
W8DX	353 / 340
W6IRD	352 / 336
W6OES	351 / 334
WEAUG	350 / 340
W6YOO	349 / 340
KC6X	349 / 340
W6KK	348 / 340
W6VX	348 / 340
WA5VGI	348 / 340
N6AWD	348 / 338
WB6PSY	348 / 337
N6QQ	348 / 333
K6ND	347 / 340
W6OM	347 / 337
W6ENZ	347 / 338
N6HC	345 / 337
K6LD	344 / 338
EU7SA	343 / 336
W6DCK	342 / 336
KR6C	341 / 339
KB6KTV	340 / 335
N6MG	339 / 331
N6OU	338 / 330
SM5GMZ	336 / 329
N6HY	333 / 329
AD6KQ	328 / 328
K6UNR	333 / 332
K2IXQ	333 / 329
KM6HB	332 / 327
KJ6Y	327 / 323
W6ZPL	317 / 317
K6SY	312 / 310
W6HB	303 / 295
N6MXU	301 / 297
K0OK	300 / 298
WD6L	295 / 295
N6DHZ	288 / 284
K6IRA	286 / 286
W6NRQ	285 / 281
W6DR	282 / 278
K6JW	277 / 273
N7CQQ	268 / 266
K6GEP	267 / 262
K6DJ	261 / 259
K6IRD	260 / 250
N6WIN	258 / 253
NK6A	255 / 255
K6YR	244 / 244
W3SE	240 / 237
K6HCJ	235 / 235
KT6LA	229 / 227
K6GEP	229 / 226
K6VC	227 / 227
W5DQ	225 / 220
N6VNI	223 / 223
KN6VF	223 / 223
ZL3TE	222 / 220
WA6BOB	202 / 198
W6DOE	191 / 189
N6RI	189 / 180
W6WVW	181 / 180
N6HE	178 / 171
K6LX	175 / 175
W6EA	152 / 152
KA6TTV	149 / 149
K6OGO	142 / 142
W4EF	132 / 132
WA6NOL	127 / 130
WB6PJC	100 / 100
NZ6L	27 / 27



**Let's Crank
Out Some Qs
and Work
Some New
Ones!**



RUMORS ON THE BAND

A plethora of announcements, rumors, and serious DX fun

This month is Big DX contests month. Remember to look for DXpeditions warming up before the CQWW SSB contest! In addition there is a large number of rare DXpeditions going on this month. Here is a taste of what will be on the bands: **Peter & Paul Rock, PT0S**, Lesotho, 7P8D, Mauritania, 5T0SP, and several others.

Remember you can not work them with your radio off. Turn it on and join in the fun!



Blue Information indicate particularly rare entities and **Red information** indicate SCDXC member attended DXpedition. As always you have to turn on your radio to work them.

Useful DX Sites

The Daily DX

www.dailydx.com/

Announced DX Ops

www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html

DX Coffee

<http://www.dxcffee.com/eng/>

DXing.info

www.dxing.info/dxpeditions/

DX 425 News

www.425dxn.org/dxped/

Dx-info.de

www.dx-info.de

DX Italia DX News

www.marioi2mqp.it

DH9SB Weekly DX Calendar

<http://www.dx-info.de>

N0HR DXpedition Map

www.n0hr.com/wk34/

The DX Zone

www.dxzone.com/catalog/DX_Resources/

Call	QTH	Start Date	End Date	Information	Website
ZL7A	Chatham Island	11/1/2012	11/9/2012	JF1OCQ 80 - 6m SSB, CW, Digital (beacon 50.117 MHz)	http://w1vx.net/pedition/zl7/2012ZL7.htm
P29VPB	Papua New Guinea	11/2/2012	11/4/2012	G3KHZ, SM6CVX, DL6KVA, HB9BXE, K5WQG	http://p29ni.yolasite.com/
YJ0AFU	Vanuatu	11/3/2012	11/10/2012	VK4AFU, 160-6m; JT65A, CW, SSB, 6m when open	http://www.qrz.com/db/YJ0AFU
5Z4/ SM1TDE	Kenya	11/5/2012	11/22/2012	40 - 10 CW	http://sm1tde.bloggspace.se/
P29VCX	Papua New Guinea	11/6/2012	11/9/2012	G3KHZ SM6CVX DL6KVA HB9BXE K5WQG	http://p29ni.yolasite.com/
5X1NH	Uganda	11/6/2012	12/11/2012	G3RWF, 80-10m, CW, SSB, Digital	-
T88ON	Palau	11/9/2012	11/13/2012	JA3JND	-
PT0S	St. Peter & Paul	11/10/2012	11/22/2012	PY2XB, PP5XX, HA7RY, AA7JV, 160 - 6m	http://pt0s.com/
5R8IC	Madagascar	11/10/2012	12/9/2012	F6ICX, 20 - 10m, CW, RTTY, PSK63	-
V84SMD	Brunei	11/11/2012	11/23/2012	F1HRE, F5EOT, F6BIV, I2VGW, I8YGZ, IK2LTR, IZ2GNQ, IZ8CCW, ON7RN, UZ2HKC, V85AVE, V85AX, V85TX, YB3MM, 160-6m, CW, SSB, RTTY	http://www.mdxo.org/v84smd/
OH1VR/ VK9L	Lord Howe Isl	11/17/2012	11/27/2012	Also VK9/OH3JR, 160 - 6m, CW, SSB, RTTY	-
7P8D	Lesotho	11/23/2012	12/3/2012	ZS2DL, V51YJ, LZ1UQ, DJ3CQ, ZS1TT, K5LBU, DL2MDU, DL8JJ, ZS2DK, ZS6RJ, VE7MID, VA7DX, 160 - 10m, CW, RTTY, SSB	http://www.zs2dl.co.za/7P8D.html
5T0SP	Mauritania	11/24/2012	12/10/2012	SP2EBG, SP3CYY, SP3GEM, SP6EQZ, SP6FXV, SP6IXF, 160 - 10m, CW SSB RTTY	http://5t0sp.dxing.pl/
8Q7AU	Maldives	11/26/2012	12/11/2012	HB9OAU, 80 - 10m, SSB	http://www.qrz.com/db/8Q7AU
ZL9HR	Auckland & Campbell Islands	11/28/2012	12/9/2012	VK2IR, VK3YP	http://www.campbell2012.com/

DXpedition Matching Fund Donations



The Araucaria DX Group, in conjunction with the TX3A Team, is pleased to announce a DXpedition to St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks, PY0S, under the call sign PT0S. The PT0S DXpedition will be on the air from approximately Nov 10 to Nov 22, 2012. Please check this website regularly for news updates or announcements. (Like all things maritime, the exact dates of our travel to the rocks will be subject to the weather and issues related to the boat.)



There has been an official ban on Amateur Radio activities from PY0S. Although the ban, which was created for environmental and safety reasons, remains in place, the Araucaria DX Group was given a special permit by Brazil's SECIRM (Secretaria da Comissao Interministerial para Os Recursos do Mar), the Brazilian Navy, Ministry of Environment and LABRE to conduct a two week long operation.

The operation will have a strong low band focus. There will be a dedicated 160 meter station operating on 160 meters from sunset to sunrise. A second station will be on 80 and 40 meters at night. During the day we will operate two stations on the higher bands -- and 6 meters -- based on conditions. RTTY will also be supported.

The DXpedition's goal is to give this rare and difficult entity to as many amateurs as possible, taking maximum advantage of this unique opportunity. The group will be using newly designed RX antennas and receiving equipment to allow small and QRP stations to work PT0S on all bands, but especially on 80 and 160 meters.

All QSO-s will be loaded onto LoTW within 36 hours of taking place.

The board approved a matching donation for this DXpedition. As you can see from the picture the QTH is about 100 square feet bigger than Scarborough Reef and compressed into a smaller footprint. It will be a challenge for the brave souls that are making this trek.

We set out the donation can at the October meeting and collected a sizeable sum from the following:

AB9A	W6IRD	N6VNI
N6HY	K6SY	N6IC
K6IRD	KC6TOD	N6RV

For those who are interested in contributing to the DXpedition the can will be out at the November meeting.

Again the club donates to DXpeditions only going to the top 25 most wanted entities from the West Coast. The candidate DXpeditions must also have board approval.

Comments, Announcements, and Interesting Tidbits Submitted by Members

Here are the November birthdays! Many happy returns and may you have many more!

W6DOE	Gary	N6HC	Arnie	AK6I	Darrel	K8RD	Ed
K6FG	Mark	N6HE	Ray	XYL-KB6KTV	Camille	WA6WZO	Fried
SM5GMZ	Pete	W6HT	Tom	N6NPG	Tom	NY6Y	Gary

Notice anything the three have in common? Yep... they are all scruffy! (*I bet you thought I would say they had on the same shirts*).



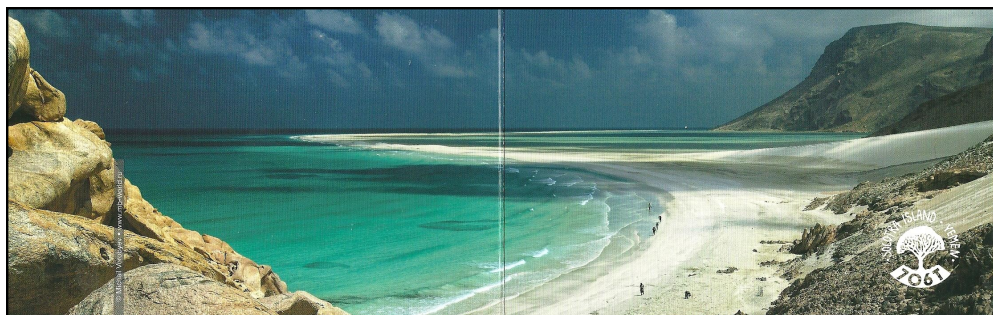
Arnie reports that everyone performed as well as can be expected. They were roughing it with no refrigeration or air conditioning and sleeping in tents. The temperature inside the tents was between 98 and 105 degrees F. "It was like sleeping in a sauna." Those who slept outside were consumed by the mosquitoes. They were sleep deprived as can be expected on a trip like this. It was compounded by the schedule (3 hrs on 6 off).



To the right is a candid sequence of our might DXpeditioners nodding off one at a time. First goes Arnie, N6HC then Tom ND2T and finally unable to hold his head up any longer Craig K9CT succumbs Swain Island's sleep dust. This has to be one of the funniest sequences ever!



Just got it today!



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706T-001 ITU 48






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Socotra Island, Yemen

2012 DXpedition

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THE ORGANIZERS OF THE 706T-001 WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS FOR THEIR SUPPORT. SPECIAL APPRECIATIONS GOES TO: NCRV, ANDREA, GQX, THORIC, THOMAS OXENHOF, MEIN, NCRV, GQX, ABEL, SSB, NCRV, EAZYB, JALIB, JH180, K3WJG, K3JZE, ASCT, MURCEC, NCRV, SNTA, SSB, W7T, K3JZE, GQX, JZ17M, W7T, W0PPO, TCDA, WYVAC, AMATEUR RADIO SUPPLIES, CUBR, NABIC, RMUCC, UNICOM, & Q8AD, YEMEN OVERSEER MAGAZINE, AL-AQAD TO CHANNEL.

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SPURIOUS OUTPUTS

Comments, Announcements, and Interesting Tidbits Submitted by Members

Rick & Karen are in a New House (W6SR)

With the onset of not getting any younger Rick and Karen decided to QSY to a more suitable location in Placerville. They sold their former estate to a ham who was delighted at all the antenna work in place. Rick and Karen now reside at :

1186 Wilkinson Ct. Placerville, CA 95667

I am sure many of us will be visiting in the near future. Congratulations on the successful move. What towers are you going to put up? I am sure Rick checked the CC&Rs. Stay well guys!



NEUTRINO QSO (W6MPB)

Urban found this tidbit on line. Check it out! Neutrinos can be used to send messages. Although this is a very inefficient way to communicate, it can indeed be done as demonstrated in this interesting project fostered by Daniel Stancil, WY3O: <http://tinyurl.com/MessagesViaNeutrino>

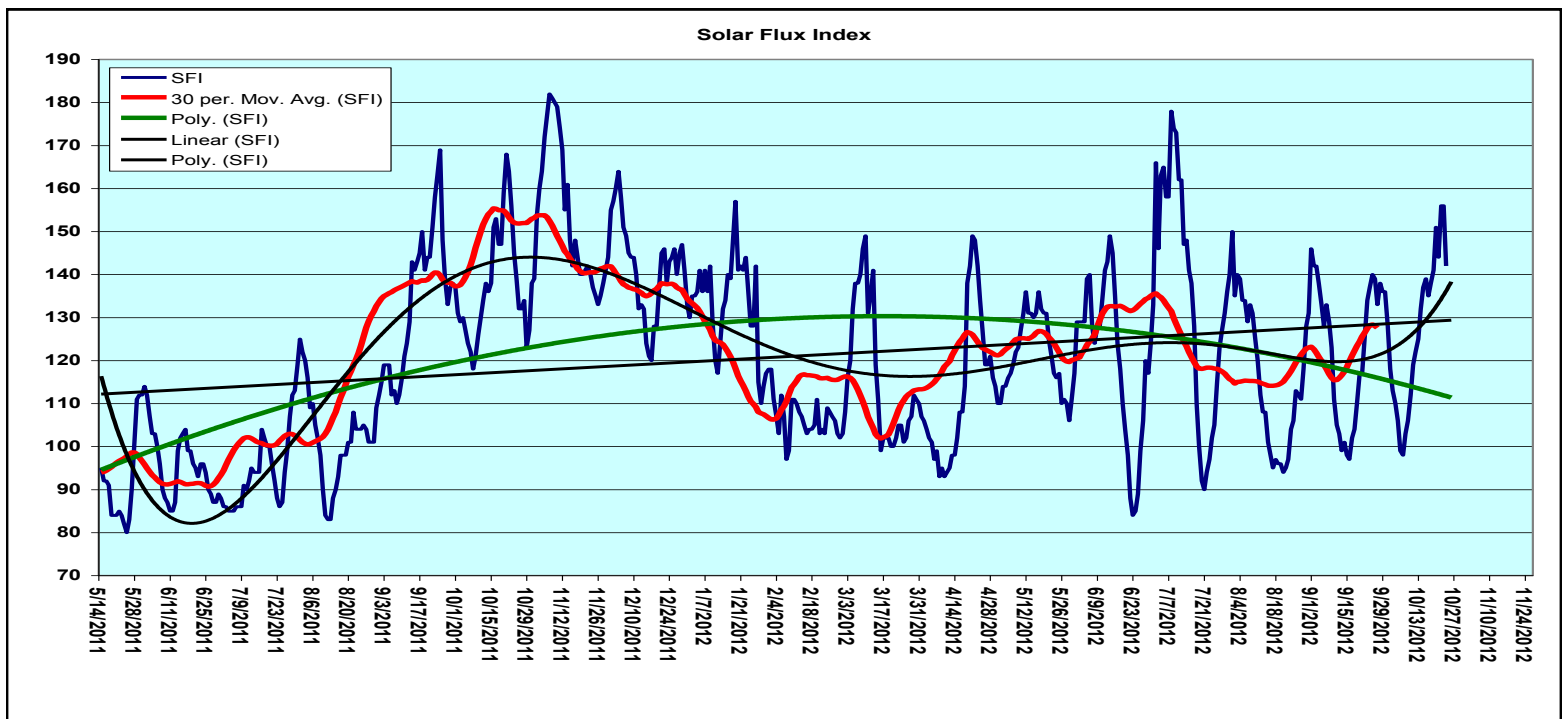
KI5SF In Hawaii (KC6TOD)

I will be QRV as KH6/KI5SF from the Big Island of Hawaii October 26 from about 0000 UTC to 0600 UTC October 27.

Here are some frequency ranges where club members can look for me during my Hawaii operation: SSB mode-160 meters (If I operate there) 1.850-1.900 80 meters -3.725-3.825 40 meters- 7.125-7.200 20 meters- 14.200-14.300 17 meters-18.110-18.168 15 meters-21.225-21.325 12 meters-24.930-24.990 10 meters-28.400-28.500 and 6 meters if it is open -50.125 -50.200.

If I operate CW 160 meters -1.800-1.825 80 meters 3.525-3.575 40 meters-7.025-7.075 30 meters - 10.100-10.125 20 meters-14.025-14.075 17 meters -18.068-18.110 15 meters-21.025-21.075 12 meters-24.890-24.930 and 10 meters-28.025-28.075. I doubt I would operate CW on 6 meters and probably will not be on 60 meters at all.

73, Carl KI5SF



Only in Los Angeles (N6RV)

As if things were not weird enough something comes along totally unexpected that caught us off guard and in retrospect left us thinking we are lucky to still be alive. The photo to left looks like something right out of Close Encounters of the Third Kind. All that was needed is the railroad crossing sign swinging back and forth while ringing and my tower slowly rising into space. No it was not an alien spaceship. That would be too easy.



Earlier that evening my wife came into the office and showed me some of the gifts she bought for our granddaughters for Christmas. She went to put them in the front bedroom and I returned to work. A few minutes later I heard the gate open on the side of the house and the BBQ open. Then I heard the next gate open. We have three gates going down the side yard. I thought to myself "Beckie must be cleaning up the BBQ that we used earlier... That's weird." Only a few moments later she was back in my office and began to ask her why she was cleaning outside in the middle of the night. She interrupted and said, Did we have an earthquake because the other side of the house shook. I realized then that someone had gone through our yard. I jumped up with the faithful megawatt flashlight I won at the picnic 3 years ago and started searching our property. I found no one. I timidly went into the garage and looked high and low. Fortunately no one in there either. As I exited an LAPD helicopter started circling. Things started to ramp up. The police blocked Western Avenue at our corner. I went up the block and talked to an officer. There was a carjacking, and kidnapping. A pedestrian was critically injured. I mentioned that someone had ran through our yard a few minutes before the helicopter came on station. He assured me that they had chased about a half mile west and had him cornered. So I thought nothing of it and went back home. We watched TV for over two hours. There was a knock on the front door. There was my neighbor. "Do you know what's going on with the naked guy on your roof?" What? I grabbed a phone and ran outside. Sure enough perched like vulture on back corner of our roof was this man howling like a banshee. I called 911 and in a few minutes 15 police and sheriffs were there. They surrounded the property and convinced him to put his pants back on. Apparently he climbed up the ladder I built next to my tower. As they attempted to convince him to climb back down the helicopter reappeared. Spooked the man dashed from the peak of the roof to the edge and bounded to the neighbors roof. He went down four more houses jumping at least 10 feet across to the next roof. He obviously was on some good pharmaceuticals giving him superhuman abilities. He ended up hiding under a neighbors trailer. The police sprayed him and tasered him. He finally gave up.

I went back inside. The police came back on our property and climbed up on the roof. Hanging from the tower they found the keys to the hijacked car. They did not collect the mans' socks or DNA evidence he left. That was probably why he was naked, enough said... gross.

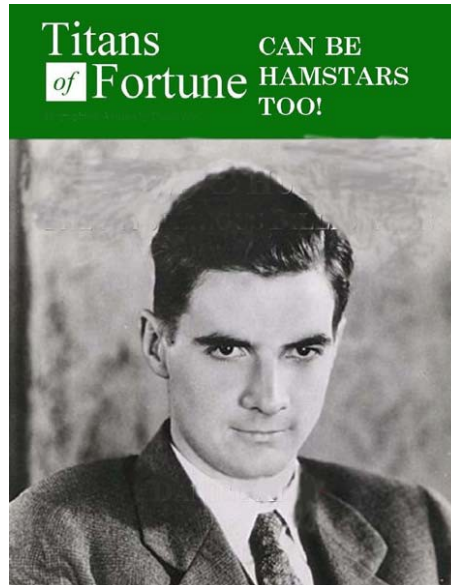
To think that I was searching all over the property and did not bother to look up and see this guy perched right over my head still causes the hairs to stand on the back of my neck. If Beckie had been a few minutes earlier from the garage she would have met him face to face and he possibly would have ran into our house.

I talked to the sheriff in our front yard. He had only one question. "What the heck is that big antenna for? Are you talking to Mars?"

I now have locks on the front gates and each of the three side yard gates. The next guy is going to have to climb over the fences first!

This story was donated by George, N6VNI, and is an edited version of an article in Issue 42 (10/14/12) of WB2JKJ's Apple Slice's Newsletter

WHO AM I?



Hmmm ... Could you be an ex-president? :

No but in my time I knew many of them, all personally.

Ahhh! You are you are a movie star? :

No, Again, many of them were close personal friends.

So what did you do in your spare time? :

I really liked 20M CW a lot!

OK, I give up. So who are you? :

Well my call was 5CY, Yep, just plain 5CY. Back in my day ham call signs started with the call area and then two letters. I was Five Charlie Yankee. Oh... and there was no zero land like we have today, just one through nine.

OK, OK! So come on already who are you? :

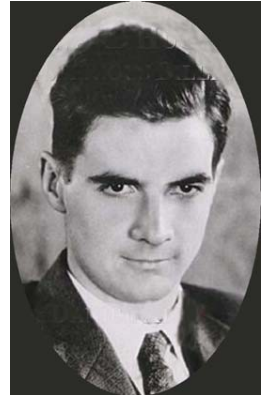
Simple, just go to page 106 of that 1921 Call Book of yours and take a look. I bet some of you knew I lived in Texas back then. In fact my first business was there. It made machines and parts for the oil industry.

Do you give up?

See, I am multimillionaire and aerospace mogul, Howard Hughes

Yep, I lived at 3921 Yoakum Blvd in Houston Texas y'all. I ran 500 watts on CW. Back then you had to tell the gubment how much power you were going to run.

Oh and take a look at page 111. They list us 5 area hams alphabetically. I have to tell you being a millionaire back in the 20's, well back then a million dollars meant something, not like today, but you know what? Even with all the fame and money it was ham radio I liked the best. OK, flying and racing airplanes, making movies, and movie starlets came before ham radio. But I really liked radio.



Well thanks for sharing Howard.

Now for the real story:

OK so you know that teachers just know just about everything. Nothing gets passed them. Hey... they know all the famous hams that ever were like Arthur Godfrey, Barry Goldwater or even good old Herman M. He sent us the crew at WB2JK a QSL card. I bet you didn't know he was a Jersey boy?



The fact is we missed Howard Hughes let alone know he was in our book until we heard from our friend Sammy, N5AF, who wrote:

" 5CY " a young fellow from Houston that you may have heard of, Howard Hughes. He was a member of the Houston Radio Club, later to become The Houston Amateur Radio Club in 1919."



Thanks Sammy for the great story. From the looks of some of the stuff on your desk at the N5AF operating position Howard himself may have built it or used it!

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Go South on Gene Autry tr.

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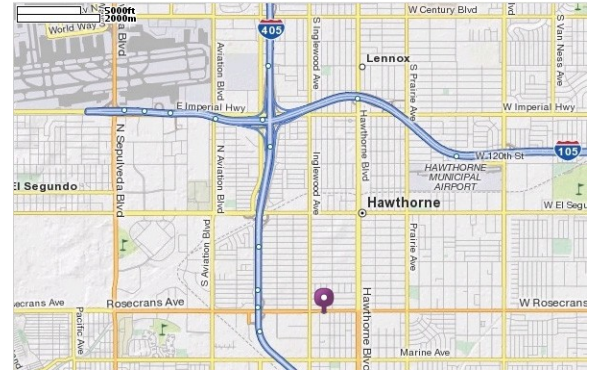
SCDXC Meeting Location

SCDXC Meets at WEMS Inc. on Rosecrans in Hawthorne. It is very close to the 405 Freeway however the entrance can be missed. The major landmark is the tower with the SteppIR antenna on top.

The driving directions to WEMS, Inc are as follows:

The address is: [4650 West Rosecrans Avenue, Hawthorne, CA. \(South side of street\)](#)

1. Coming South on the I-405 take the second Rosecrans (Rosecrans East) off ramp. At the bottom of the off ramp turn right and proceed to the next traffic light and turn right again on to Rosecrans Avenue. Go under the freeway and proceed East on Rosecrans past Inglewood Avenue. Go 1-1/2 blocks past Inglewood Avenue and make a right turn into the driveway between a one story building and a two story building with a tower and SteppIR antenna. Drive past the gate and park in any open parking space. We will be meeting in the one story building you just drove past. If you get to traffic light East of Inglewood avenue turn around and go back. Look for the antenna.
2. Coming North on the I-405 take the first Rosecrans off ramp (Rosecrans East) and turn right at the bottom of the off ramp onto Rosecrans Avenue. Go 1-1/2 blocks past Inglewood Avenue and make a right turn into the driveway between a one story building and a two story building with a tower and SteppIR antenna. Drive past the gate and park in any open parking space. We will be meeting in the one story building you just drove past. If you get to traffic light East of Inglewood avenue turn around and go back. Look for the antenna
3. Coming West on CA-91 merge on to I-110 South and then North onto the I-405. Once you are Northbound on the I-405 follow the directions in #2 above.
4. Coming West on the I-105 Exit the Hawthorne Blvd. off ramp. At the end of the very long off ramp turn left onto Hawthorne Blvd and proceed South to Rosecrans Avenue. Turn right on Rosecrans Avenue and proceed West. Just past the first traffic light after your turn onto Rosecrans move into the 2-way left turn lane and turn in the driveway between the two story building with tower/antenna and the one story building. As you drive down Rosecrans you should be able to see the tower on the two story building. Drive past the gate and park in any open parking space. We will be meeting in the one story building you just drove past.
5. If you live in the South Bay or Palos Verdes you are on your own.
6. If you would like to try Metro Light Rail, see Mel Hughes for information. WEMS is an easy walk from a Metro Green Line Station, or we can arrange a ride from the station to WEMS.



Pre-Club Meeting Dinner

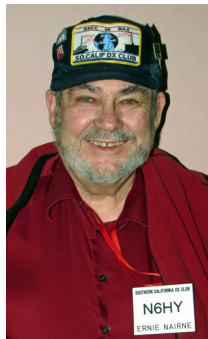
Club members and visitors often meet before the meeting and enjoy a meal. Lately many of us have been going to #1 Buffet at 14418 Hawthorne Blvd, Lawndale, CA 90260, (310) 644-4007. The restaurant is just South and East of WEMS. Another group meets at the Denny's on the corner of Inglewood Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue. This is stones throw West of WEMS. For those interested in fine dining some of the best restaurants in the South Bay are located on Rosecrans just West between the 405 and Sepulveda (PCH). The Manhattan Beach area is a target rich food environment!



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